

Home Visiting Task Force – Sustainability Workgroup Meeting

June 27th, 2013

Children's Home + Aid: 125 South Wacker, 14th Floor

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Meeting Participants: Elizabeth Heneks, David Lloyd, Chelsea Pearsall, Nancy Shier, Penny Smith, Anna Torsney-Weir, Jay Young, Cindy Zumwalt

Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- The group voted to amend or approve the May 23rd meeting minutes: Nancy Shier motioned to accept, David Lloyd seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with no changes.

II. FY14 Workplan

- The group voted to amend or approve the FY14 proposed Sustainability Workgroup work plan. David Lloyd motioned to accept, Penny Smith seconded the motion, and the work plan was approved.
- The next step is for the work plan to go to the Home Visiting Task Force Executive Committee for review and approval at its July 9th meeting.

III. FY14 State Budget Update: The FY14 state budget was passed by the legislature on May 31st. It includes level funding for home visiting programs in ISBE and DHS.

IV. Summer Medicaid Provider Meeting

- The workgroup reviewed the proposal for the summer Medicaid meetings of representatives from health departments, community-based organizations, and school districts that both bill Medicaid for some services and provide home visiting services. The group decided:
- To add a third meeting of representatives from school districts, which could be done via telephone or videoconference;
- To add Children's Home Good Beginnings to the non-health department participant list;
- To have Teresa Kelly send the invitations from the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development;
- To have the first meeting in July with the community-based organizations without someone from HFS present, and then determine afterwards if that is necessary for the other two meetings;
- To invite:
 - Health Departments: send the letter to the Director as the contact, and invite the supervisor of program director and someone from the Accounting Department.
 - School Districts: send the letter to the superintendent and the PI program director so they can determine the best person to attend.
 - Community-Based Programs: send the letter to our main contacts and have them determine who would be best to attend.
- Next Steps:
 - Anna and Jay will determine potential dates for the meetings.

- Anna and Jay will draft the letter, which once approved will be sent by Teresa to the contacts listed above.

V. Home Visiting Components

- The group reviewed the draft table of essential home visiting components. The group did not propose to eliminate anything, but did discuss whether some of the terminology used for home visiting applies directly to Medicaid and decided that we need to ensure the terminology is Medicaid-friendly. The group also proposed to add a component that reflects when home visitors meet as a group with someone outside of home visiting on a specific issue, e.g. mental health.
- Next Steps:
 - Anna will set up a meeting with someone from HFS and the SIAC committee who is familiar with Medicaid and can answer some of our initial questions, especially regarding terminology.
 - Anna and Penny will work with some of the model developers to drill down into what they are using and what tools and qualifications are/are not billable.
 - Teresa Kelly will reach out to the appropriate person at HFS to engage them in the Workgroup.
 - Anna will review what is listed on the Medicaid website in terms of acceptable tools for developmental and social-emotional screening.
 - Anna and Jay will share the table with Kathy Witgert, our contact at NASHP, for her review and feedback.

VI. Next Meeting

- Given how soon July 18th is, the group proposed to cancel our July 18th meeting and keep the next meeting as August 15th. We will discuss the Medicaid provider meetings, and bring back some more work on the home visiting components-Medicaid crosswalk.